## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 12, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MALLORY made the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 253.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of F. M. Gunnell, passed assistant surgeon in the navy, have had the same under consideration, and report:

The petitioner, an assistant surgeon in the navy, attached to the United States ship Independence, of the Pacific squadron, was ordered by Captain Josiah Tatnall, on the 17th day of September, 1855, to proceed to San Francisco, and report himself for duty at the United States naval rendezvous in that city, and to return to the ship when the rendezvous should be closed. Under this order the petitioner performed the duty assigned him twelve weeks in the city of San Francisco. His board, during that time on shore, amounted, according to the voucher filed by him, 12 weeks, at \$18, to \$216. In view of the fact that in fixing the salary of his grade reference was had to its ordinary expenses, the committee deem it but equitable, and in conformity with the usage of Congress, to reimburse the memorialist for any extraordinary expense incident to public duty assigned him proin the discharge of his duties as an assistant surgeon, his mess bill would perly incurred. Had the memorialist remained on board of the ship, not probably have exceeded \$20 per month; deducting this amount from his expenses on shore, leaves the sum of \$156, and for this the committee report a bill, and recommend its passage.